

tion manifested that the title of the property had been vested in the Mayor and City Council. To remove all disquietude or dissatisfaction, the Mayor and City Council promptly transferred to the State the property, the title to which had been acquired in 1798, for the purpose of carrying out the benevolent intention of individuals, and towards which the State had made an appropriation. The title having become vested in the State, by the act of 1827, chapt. 205, the institution was first clothed with a charter, under the style of "The President and visitors of the Maryland Hospital," and placed under the control and authority of the State at the end of the then unexpired lease.

It was during the existence of this lease that the Hospital assumed its present enlarged dimensions, towards which the lessees contributed from their private resources, doubtless under the anticipation that the lease would be renewed from time to time. The act of 1827 dispelled this illusion, and as the time of their connexion was clearly defined, it is therefore reasonable to suppose that all subsequent expenditures were confined to objects that could not be dispensed with. Seven years possession of so large an establishment, with a distinct understanding as to the nature of the lessees relation to it, was sufficient to place it in a condition to require a large expenditure at the end of that term. It was in this condition of things when the authority of the State to administer it commenced in 1834; entirely destitute of furniture and the necessary equipments, requiring large repairs to render it subservient to the purpose for which it was designed. To avoid the painful necessity of dismissing the inmates and closing the doors of the hospital, the legislature in 1832, by resolution No. 75, appropriated \$5000. The precise mode to which it was applied, with other valuable information, will be found in the report and the accompanying documents, made by a committee at the last session. A debt has been incurred for the benefit of the institution, for which the president and some of the visitors are liable—leaving many objects of importance yet to be executed.

The committee express great satisfaction at the order and neatness which pervaded throughout the establishment, and at the evident care and attention paid to the comfort of its inmates. Chains, long deemed the legitimate appendage to institutions for the insane, have here no office to perform: by mild and benevolent treatment, the